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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for
Research and Intelligence
Director of Intelligence, General Staff, US Army
Chief of Naval Intelligence
Director of Intelligence, US Air Force

SUBJECT: IM-77: Soviet Troop Withdrawals from Germany

REFERENCE: Memorandum request of 22 October 1948

1. Problem.

The NSC-4 Working Group of the Office of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs requests CIA to estimate the possibility of:

a. A unilateral Russian withdrawal of occupation troops from Germany before 1 February 1949;

b. A Soviet proposal before the present session of the UNGA for the quadripartite withdrawal of occupation troops from Germany.

2. Scopes.

a. Basic assumption: Russian dissatisfaction with the situation in Germany, and the likelihood that USSR will move to improve it.

b. With respect to a Soviet unilateral withdrawal:

- (1) Advantages for the USSR
- (2) Disadvantages for the USSR
- (3) Probable consequences

c. With respect to a Soviet proposal before UNGA for quadripartite withdrawal of troops:

- (1) Advantages for the USSR
- (2) Disadvantages for the USSR
- (3) Possibility of proposal elsewhere than before UNGA
- (4) Probable consequences

3. Deadline and Departmental Action.

A draft which has been informally coordinated with concerned IAC agencies is desired as early as possible but not later than 15 November.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, R & E

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